

### **REMARKS**

This Preliminary Amendment accompanies a Continued Prosecution Application which was filed to continue prosecution of this Application by changing Applicants' election from the optical waveguide claims of Group I to the method claim of Group II. That is, Applicants hereby revoke their previous election of the optical waveguide claims of Group I and now elect to prosecute in this Continued Prosecution Application the method claim of Group II (see the Office Action dated December 8, 2000).

In this Preliminary Amendment, original claims 1-4 have been canceled, new method claims 5-8 have been added, the title has been replaced by a new title which reflects the subject matter of the elected method claim..

Support for new independent method claim 5 is found in the specification on pages 22-24, in particular, on page 22, line 18, through page 23, line 4; page 23, lines 5-7; page 23, line 8, through page 24, line 7; page 24, line 17, through page 25, line 3; Table 1; and original claim 4.

Support for new claim 6 is found in the specification on page 10, line 24, through page 11; and page 24, lines 3-7.

Support for new claims 7 and 8 is found in the specification on page 15, line 21, through page 16, line 11.

**Claims 5-8 are now pending in this Continued Prosecution Application.**

An early Office Action on the merits of the newly elected method claims is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,



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